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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

STEVEN C. CLARK ET AL.

Application No.: 08/466,308

Filed: June 6, 1995

For: LYMPHOKINE PRODUCTION
AND PURIFICATION

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: Examiner: Prema Mertz, Ph.D
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: Group Art Unit: 1812
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: March 27, 1998

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT UNDER M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition the Assistant Commissioner to restore the above-identified abandoned application to pending status on the ground that Applicants never received the Office Action reportedly mailed June 11, 1997.

This Petition is accompanied by:

(1) a Declaration Under M.P.E.P. § 711.02 of
Melvyn M. Kassenoff; and

(2) a Declaration Under M.P.E.P. § 711.02 of
Lawrence S. Perry.

FACTS

On February 13, 1998, Applicants' attorney received a Notice of Abandonment dated February 11, 1998 (paper No. 13, copy enclosed). The Notice indicates that the subject application was abandoned by "Applicant's failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on 7-11-97."

However, Applicants' attorney never received the July 11, 1997 Office Action, as evidenced by the attached Declarations of Melvyn M. Kassenoff and Lawrence S. Perry.

REQUEST

In accordance with the practice specified in 1156 OG 53 (Nov. 16, 1993), the Assistant Commissioner is respectfully requested to revive this application by withdrawing the holding of abandonment dated February 11, 1998, and to return the application to the Examiner for appropriate action.

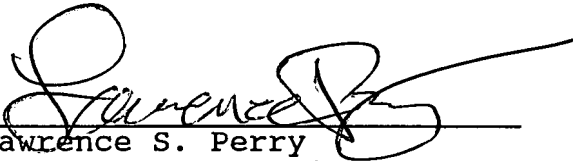
FEE

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 for any petition fee which may be due. However, since it is believed that the holding of abandonment is the result of circumstances not attributable to any fault of Applicants or their

representatives, it is respectfully suggested that no fee is due.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in New York by telephone at (212) 758-2400. As requested previously, and in conformity with the attached Change in Correspondence Address, all correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


Lawrence S. Perry
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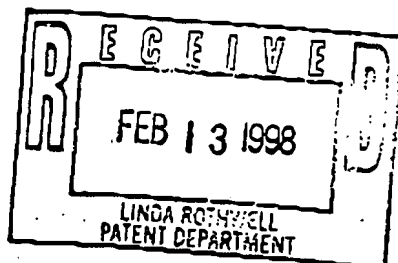
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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This application is abandoned in view of:

- ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on 7-11-97 MMK
- ☐ A response (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____, which is after the expiration of the period for response (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
- ☐ A proposed response was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper response to the final rejection.
- (A proper response to a final rejection consists only of: a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; a Notice of Appeal; or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.62 (FWC).)
- ☒ No response has been received.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.
- ☐ The issue fee (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____.
- ☐ The submitted issue fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____.
- ☐ The issue fee has not been received.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ Proposed new formal drawings (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) were received on _____.
- ☐ The proposed new formal drawings filed _____ are not acceptable.
- ☐ No proposed new formal drawings have been received.
- ☐ The express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.62(g) in favor of the FWC application filed on _____.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a) upon the filing of a continuing application.
- ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- ☐ The reason(s) below:

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PRIMARY EXAMINER
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DECLARATION OF MELVYN M. KASSENOFF
UNDER M.P.E.P. § 711.02

Sir:

I, MELVYN M. KASSENOFF, DECLARE AND SAY THAT:

1. I am an attorney in the Patent and Trademark Department of Novartis Corporation (formerly Ciba-Geigy Corporation, into which Sandoz Corporation was merged), 564 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901-1027 and am an attorney of record in the above-identified application.

2. I am the Novartis Corporation Patent and Trademark Department attorney who is currently primarily responsible for prosecution of the subject patent application. All communications received either from the Patent and Trademark Office or Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper &

Scinto in this application are directed to me upon receipt by the Patent and Trademark Department of Novartis Corporation.

3. On February 13, 1998 a Notice of Abandonment, bearing a Mailing Date of February 11, 1998, was received by the Patent and Trademark Department of Novartis Corporation in the above-identified patent application. The Notice of Abandonment stated that the application was abandoned due to Applicant's failure to respond to the Office letter mailed July 11, 1997. However, after reviewing the file jacket and the computerized docket records of the Patent and Trademark Department of Novartis Corporation, I concluded that the Department never received the Office letter mailed July 11, 1997. A photocopy of the relevant page of the computerized docket records is appended.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: March 25, 1998

Melvyn M. Kassenoff
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DECLARATION OF LAWRENCE S. PERRY
UNDER M.P.E.P. § 711.02

Sir:

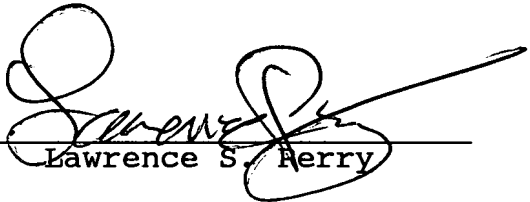
I, LAWRENCE S. PERRY, DECLARE AND SAY THAT:

1. I am an attorney in the law firm of
Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto, 277 Park Avenue,
New York, New York 10172.
2. I am the attorney in Fitzpatrick, Cella,
Harper & Scinto who is primarily responsible for prosecution
of the subject patent application. All communications
received either from Novartis Corporation or the Patent and
Trademark Office in this application are directed to me
immediately upon receipt within the firm.
2. On February 18, 1998, a Notice of Abandonment,
bearing a mailing date of February 11, 1998, was received by

the firm from Novartis Corporation in the above-identified patent application. The Notice of Abandonment stated that the application was abandoned due to Applicant's failure to respond to the Office letter mailed July 11, 1997. However, after reviewing the file jacket, and firm docket records, I conclude that Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto never received the July 11, 1997 Office letter. A photocopy of the relevant page of the computerized docket records is appended.

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ASSOCIATE POWER OF ATTORNEY AND
CHANGE IN CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Sir:

This is to appoint LAWRENCE S. PERRY, Registration
No. 31,865, as associate attorney in the above-identified
application.

All correspondence should be directed as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/26/96
- ☐ This action is FINAL.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-8, 14, 16 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-8, 14, 16 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e):

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The indicated allowability of claims 1-3, 5-8, 14 and 16 is withdrawn in view of the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection over co-pending application 08/344,809. The delay in citation of this rejection is regretted.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 14 and 16 are pending and under consideration by the Examiner.

3. The non-statutory double patenting rejection, whether of the obvious-type or non-obvious-type, is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent. *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); *In re Van Ornam*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); and *In re Goodman*, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 (b) and © may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a non-statutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.78 (d).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a Terminal Disclaimer.

A Terminal Disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Art Unit:

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 14, 16 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 11, 16, 23-28, 30 of copending application 08/344,809. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because they both claim a GM-CSF protein. Claims 1-3, 5-8 of the instant application, Clark et al. (one common inventor, Wang E.), claims "a GM-CSF protein having an amino acid sequence shown in Figure 1 (which encompasses the non-processed protein with the signal sequence)" and claims 14 and 16 claim a GM-CSF composition. In claims 11, 16, 23-27 of application 08/344,809, "a GM-CSF protein composition" having the same sequence as in Figure 1 of 08/466,308 without the signal sequence is claimed, and claims 28, 30 claim a GM-CSF pharmaceutical composition. However, once the entire non-processed protein is obtained, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the to produce the processed, mature form of the protein, which could be obtained either by isolation from natural sources or by recombinant expression in prokaryotic or eukaryotic host cells, such that the functions of the GM-CSF protein could be studied. Therefore, in the instant invention the claims are broader than in 08/344,809. However, the claims in 08/344,809 are obvious from the instant claims because the instant claims are directed to one specific embodiment encompassed by the claims in 08/344,809.

4. No claims are allowed.

Advisory information

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Prema Mertz whose telephone number is (703) 308-4229. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30PM (Eastern time).

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Stephen Walsh Ph.D., can be reached on (703) 308-2957.

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1800 in Crystal Mall 1 by facsimile transmission, in conformity with the notice published in the official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The FAX phone number for Art Unit 1812 is (703) 308-0294.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Prema Mertz Ph.D.
Patent Examiner
July 9, 1997



JOHN ULM
PRIMARY EXAMINER
GROUP 1800